



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: APRIL 11, 2005

ALL ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA ARE SCHEDULED FOR ACTION UNLESS SPECIFICALLY NOTED OTHERWISE.

— CALL TO ORDER

MINUTES:

PRESENT: MAYOR GOODMAN, COUNCILMEMBERS REESE, BROWN, WEEKLY, MACK, WOLFSON, and TARKANIAN

Also Present: CITY MANAGER DOUG SELBY, DEPUTY CITY MANAGER STEVE HOUCHENS, DEPUTY CITY MANAGER BETSY FRETWELL, ASSISTANT DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY JOHN REDLEIN and CITY CLERK BARBARA JO RONEMUS

— ANNOUNCEMENT RE: COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETING LAW

MINUTES:

ANNOUNCEMENT MADE - Meeting noticed and posted at the following locations:

City Clerk's Bulletin Board, City Hall Plaza, 2nd Floor Skybridge

Court Clerk's Office Bulletin Board, City Hall Plaza

Las Vegas Library, 833 Las Vegas Boulevard North

Clark County Government Center, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway

Grant Sawyer Building, 555 E. Washington Avenue

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DEPARTMENT: CITY CLERK

DIRECTOR: BARBARA JO RONEMUS

☐ CONSENT

☒ DISCUSSION

SUBJECT:

Discussion and possible action on the certification of canvassed election returns for the City of Las Vegas 2005 Municipal Primary Election, City Councilman Ward 6 and Municipal Judge Department 5 (At Large)

Fiscal Impact:

☒ No Impact

Amount:

☐ Budget Funds Available

Dept./Division:

☐ Augmentation Required

Funding Source:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

The results of the April 5, 2005 Primary Election were canvassed comparing the computer printout of ballots counted and the results thereof with the official ballot statements for the 333 precincts used in the election. There was an active voter registration of 233,954 resulting in a 6.4% election turnout. Per the Clark County Registrar of Voters there were no unreconcilable errors in the 15,003 ballots cast making the tabulation 100% accurate. As to the 5,754 mail and absent ballots reconciled under my hand, there were also no unreconcilable errors making that tabulation 100% accurate as well.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council accept and certify the official election results for the City's Municipal Primary Election as presented.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

1. Results of Canvass from the Clark County Registrar of Voters
2. Subdivision Reports: Ward 6 and At Large
3. "Statement of Vote" containing voter abstract information for Councilman Ward 6 and Municipal Court Judge Department 5

MOTION:

REESE - APPROVED to accept and certify the official election results as presented - UNANIMOUS

MINUTES:

CITY CLERK RONEMUS reviewed the information under the Purpose/Background section and recommended approval. She informed the Council that this was the first election utilizing the optical scan balloting process entirely and said CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK BEVERLY BRIDGES did an admirable job facing the challenges posed by the new system. She commended MS. BRIDGES and thanked her staff for a job well done.

COUNCILMAN WOLFSON asked about the cost of the election so far and whether changing the election cycle could be financially advantageous. MS. RONEMUS was unable to estimate the current costs because bills for several services had not yet been received. She confirmed that rescheduling the elections to November could result in some savings. She added that doing so might cause some people to think the open Municipal elections are partisan if moved to November because County, State and Federal elections, which are held at that time, are partisan elections. COUNCILMAN WOLFSON said that savings would only be one factor to consider. He then questioned the cost of this election when compared to the special elections held for Wards 1 and 2. MS. RONEMUS indicated the current Ward 6

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mail out interest cards so people could request mail-in ballots. Many of the voters using that method come from senior citizen centers or are people who have always voted by mail. COUNCILMAN WOLFSON suggested that more mail ballot activity be encouraged in future elections. MS. RONEMUS indicated her support for a mail election and pointed out that it could result in cost savings.

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CITIZENS PARTICIPATION: PUBLIC COMMENT DURING THIS PORTION OF THE AGENDA MUST BE LIMITED TO MATTERS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL. NO SUBJECT MAY BE ACTED UPON BY THE CITY COUNCIL UNLESS THAT SUBJECT IS ON THE AGENDA AND IS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION. IF YOU WISH TO BE HEARD, COME TO THE PODIUM AND GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD. THE AMOUNT OF DISCUSSION ON ANY SINGLE SUBJECT, AS WELL AS THE AMOUNT OF TIME ANY SINGLE SPEAKER IS ALLOWED, MAY BE LIMITED

MINUTES:

None.

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THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:07 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

STACEY CAMPBELL, DEPUTY CITY CLERK

April 12, 2005